

## *Context Sensitive Solutions*

**A two-day course**

**Cost: Free**

**Time: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm**

**Class Size: 40**

**Location: This course will be held annually in each WSDOT region between September and April through 2006.**

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### **Target Audience**

Class attendance will consist of twenty seats for WSDOT and twenty seats for local agency staff and consultants.

### **Instructors**

John Heinley, WSDOT Highways & Local Programs Division; and WSDOT Region Trainers

### **Course Description**

This course will provide the knowledge and skills to collaboratively develop transportation projects addressing the needs of a broad range of users and interested parties. Participants will learn to identify critical issues, involve stakeholders, evaluate alternatives and minimize tort liability when developing solutions to transportation issues that are specific to individual sites.

### **Course Objectives**

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Use a "context sensitive solutions" approach to project development.
2. Develop collaborative communication and outreach techniques.
3. Identify appropriate members for project teams.
4. Evaluate trade-offs through identification of impacts to a community and users of the highway or other facilities in that community.
5. Balance design standards with flexibility in developing alternatives.
6. Identify tort liability risks and employ techniques to minimize those risks.
7. Leverage partnerships in funding and subject matter expertise.
8. Collaborate with stakeholders to avoid or minimize impacts, controversy, and cost.

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